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Title

PROCESS FOR THE ASYMMETRIC HYDROGENATION OF

BETA-AMINO KETONES

<u>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT</u> <u>APPLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.63)</u>

Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing

I, Colette Mettler, hereby declaration and state that:

I am the legal representative and spouse of joint inventor Hans-Peter Mettler, now deceased.

I am a citizen of Switzerland, my residence is Visp, Switzerland, and my mailing address is Finkenweg 12, Visp, CH-3930, Switzerland.

I believe that Hans-Peter Mettler is the original, sole and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PROCESS FOR THE ASYMMETRIC HYDROGENATION OF BETA-AMINO KETONES

The specification/application therefor was filed on February 28, 2006 (2/28/006) as United States Application Serial Number 10/569,824.

Inventor Hans-Peter Mettler, now deceased, was a citizen of Switzerland, his residence was Visp, Switzerland, and his mailing address was Finkenweg 12, Visp, CH-3930, Switzerland.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as

defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I, as the legal representative of Hans-Peter Mettler, hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S. 119(a)-(d) or (f), 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s) or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's certificate(s), or any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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